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Obviously you are now aware of what the Sinclair Broadcast Group is planning on doing in the days before the election - This right-wing media conglomerate, in control of multiple broadcast stations throughout the country will soon pre-empt prime time programming to air a one-sided "documentary" portraying John Kerry as a treasonous anti-war activist who was personally responsible for everything from the prolonging of the Vietnam war to the torture of POWs in Hanoi due to his testifying against the war in Congress. (Heaven forbid anyone should ever question an unjust war!)

Sinclair should make the Bush campaign pay for this political propaganda - or at least offer to air a Democratic response movie (like the equally propagandistic Fahrenheit 911 or Going Upriver: The Long War of John Kerry) to more accurately balance what is in effect free political advertising for the incumbent - unprecedented in media history.

Is the FCC wholly under Republican control now? Is there little hope of getting this broadcast pulled, or have Sinclair offer to air equal time for the Democratic challenger? Their partisan abuse of public airwaves smacks of Republican desperation. Of course, one could say having Fox News cheerlead for Bush 24/7 is also having an effect, but the FCC apparently doesn't have a problem with their "fair and balanced" but obviously partisan coverage.

I hope the FCC wakes up to this disparity and actually demands that Sinclair allow equal time, or pulls that attack documentary. Or do Republicans have to cheat all the time to win elections?

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